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**Regional Human Services and Veterans Citizen Levy  
Joint Oversight Board  
Meeting Summary  
June 27, 2013 2-4 p.m.  
Terry Home Auburn, 727 A St. NE, Auburn, WA 98002**

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Francisco Ivarra at 2:00 p.m.

### **Roll Call**

#### **Regional Human Services Levy Oversight Board (RHSLOB) Members Present:**

Kathleen Hadaller, Gary Haines, Loran Lichty (Chair), David Ramsay (Vice-chair), Kate Slaminko

**RHSLOB Members Excused/Absent:** Edith Loyer Nelson

#### **Veterans Citizen Levy Oversight Board (VCLOB) Members Present:**

Stan Gunno, Oren Hadaller, Doug Hoople (Vice-chair), Francisco Ivarra (Chair), Curtis Thompson, Ray Tomlinson, Bill Wood

**VCLOB Members Excused/Absent:** Kathy Lewis, Mary Kay Lewis, John Pruitt, Robert Stephens, Jr.

**King County Staff Present:** Rene Franzen, Mental Health Chemical Abuse and Dependency Services Division; Jon Hoskins, Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS); Marcy Kubbs, DCHS; Kelli Larsen, DCHS; Laird Redway, DCHS; Paula Rhyne, King County Council Staff.

**Guests:** Bonnie Sanders, Carol Sterling, Dixon McReynolds

### **Levy Plaque Presentation and Facility Tour**

RHSLOB Chair Loran Lichty thanked Terry Home representatives for their leadership in developing the original Terry Home and Terry Home Auburn. He provided them with a brass plaque noting the contribution of the Veterans and Human Services Levy and thanking them for their service on behalf of individuals living with traumatic brain injury.

[Terry Home](#) was initially developed because Mary Norman couldn't find a place for her son, Terry, who sustained a traumatic brain injury in a car accident on Green Valley Road in 1984.



The only place for him was a geriatric nursing home. So Norman, family and friends began 10 years of fundraising, culminating with the opening of Terry Home in 1996. Today the facility in Pacific promotes purpose and privacy for young adults living with traumatic brain injuries. Staff caregivers serve 10 residents, helping them move on to greater independence.

Then, nearly 20 years after that grand opening, given the many veterans of the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq returning home with traumatic brain injuries, Mary saw the continued need and expanded their services, opening a second home in Auburn. The 5,300-square-foot facility offers 12 rooms for residents and sets aside four beds for veterans.

### **Regional Veterans Initiative Update**

Jon Hoskins provided a brief update on the status of the Regional Veterans Initiative. The team is currently putting the final touches on the draft recommendations report that will be sent to members of the VCLOB for their input in the next few weeks. The goal is to begin implementing the action steps called out in the Recommendations Report in the fall.

### **Implementation Plan Review - 2.4.B On-site support services**

Kelli Larsen, King County program manager for levy activity 2.4.B On-site support service, provided the board with an activity update.

#### Discussion

- It was suggested language be added to the implementation plan that refers to the Five Year Plan to End Veterans Homelessness and add additional language regarding Equity and Social Justice. (Staff note: This language was incorporated into the final implementation plan.)
- There was discussion about the difficulty involved in housing honorably discharged veterans who are sex offenders. Kelli will research this issue further and provide additional information to the board.
- There was some discussion about the eligibility for levy-funded housing of veterans discharged other than honorably.

### **Implementation Plan Review – 3.6 Client Care Coordination**

Rene Franzen, King County program manager for levy activity 3.6 Client Care Coordination (CCC), provided the board with an activity update. The Client Care Coordination refers clients to sixteen permanent supportive housing projects, twelve of which received support from the Levy. During the period 2009-2012, 638 individuals were placed in CCC designated units in permanent supportive housing, of which 100 were veterans. The program has been able to demonstrate significant cost offsets and reduction in the use of costly public systems. Board members were encouraged by the information provided and how the CCC has supported many individuals who experienced long term homelessness.

### **VCLOB Chair Highlights – Francisco Ivarra**

- Francisco reported on the May briefing on the Regional Veterans Initiative the board received as well as Bryan Fry's, (MHCADSD) presentation on the levy funded Veterans Incarcerated Program and Emerging Programs for Justice Involved Veterans - Veterans Court. These programs use therapeutic courts to help divert veterans from the justice

system into support services and programs to help change behaviors, reduce recidivism and improve lives.

- Staff provided a 2012 Veterans Levy expenditure report which showed 97 percent of the 2012 Levy annual allocation was spent by year end. For the Veterans Levy, a total of \$326,902 in unspent funds is available for reprogramming. These funds are currently being held by the DCHS and County Executive for potential use by the Regional Veterans Initiative (RVI) though board members also reviewed a list of potential programs that could use these one-time unspent funds in the event they aren't needed in that area.
- John Pruitt is the newest confirmed member of the board.

#### Discussion

- Stan Gunno commented he would like to see Veterans Levy carryover funds to be given to the Mobile Medical Van.

#### **RHSLOB Chair Highlights – Loran Lichty**

- At the May RHSLOB meeting board members were briefed on the 2012 Human Services Levy expenditure report and were provided a list of potential programs that might be appropriate to receive one-time funds from the \$95,317 that is available for reprogramming. The board supported allocating these funds to the Youth and Young Adults Coordinated Engagement project. If this allocation is not approved then the board recommended splitting the funds 50:50 between the Nurse Family Partnership employment component and Crisis Clinic's 2-1-1 Community Information Line.
- Board members reviewed the draft Levy Board Operating Procedures. The VCLOB will have the opportunity to provide feedback on the procedures at their July board meeting.
- Marilyn Cooks has submitted her application to represent CM Gossett's district on the RHSLOB and her complete nomination package is now with the Executive's office for signature. Bonnie Sanders just submitted her application for membership to the RHSLOB as an ad-hoc representative.

#### **Staff Report**

- The 2012 Levy Annual Report was transmitted to Council on Friday. An electronic copy of the report will be sent out to board members as soon as it's available.
- Marcy thanked new board members for attending the board orientation session last week. She will set up time to go over the materials with new members Ray Tomlinson and Mary Kay Lewis and any other interested board members, in the next few months.
- Board members decided to change the meeting time of future Levy Joint Oversight Committee meetings to 10am – 12pm.

#### **Review of Joint Meeting Summary**

The meeting summary of the April 25, 2013 Joint Board meeting was approved as written.

## **Old Business**

Marcy responded to a question raised at the May 16<sup>th</sup> VCLOB meeting about the definition of a King County resident and how long an individual must reside in King County before being eligible for services. She reported that a King County resident is defined as anyone who lives in King County. There is no waiting period to be satisfied before being eligible to receive services.

## **New Business**

- One member noted that in the past the board reviewed the performance data prior to the Levy Annual Report being transmitted to the Executive and inquired if that could be done again.
- Loran talked about a project he is working on coordinating the faith based community around family homelessness. More information and directions for downloading the film can be found at [Changehomelessness.com](http://Changehomelessness.com). Board members will hear more about this at the July board meetings.

## **Public comment**

- Doug Hoople volunteers at the SeaTac VSO where they are fundraising to provide service dogs for veterans. They are providing a coin for each \$25 donation and Doug is matching funds. See Doug for more details.
- Curtis Thompson mentioned scholarship money is available for non-professions to go to a conference on advocacy work. See Curtis for more details.
- The statewide Women's Veterans' Conference will be held Saturday in Tacoma at the Convention Center.
- King County Councilmember Dembowski is hosting a 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Korean War recognition event on July 22. All are invited.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.